Expansion of oil refining capacity in the country

1423. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand oil refining capacities during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, what is the present capacity and what would be the expanded capacity by the end of the Eighth Plan ; and

(c) what are the names of the plans where new oil refineries are proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) The present refining capacity in the country is 51.85 MTPA including 2 MTPA swing refining capacity of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation's refinery at Bombay. The creation of additional refining capacity in the country and their locations would depend on the outlays in the 8th Plan which are still under discussion.

Foreign collaboration in consumer goods industry

1424. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :
SHRI ASHIS SEN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government to not allow foreign collaboration in the consumer goods industry ; and

(b) if so, what is the number of foreign collaboration approved in the field of consumer goods industry during the last ten years and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government's policy is that foreign collaboration financial or technical for the manufacture of consumer products is not ordinarily necessary. However, foreign collaboration for the manufacture of consumer products is considered selectively on merits if such collaboration is justified taking into consideration factors such as nature of technology involved, availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings and like.

The number of foreign collaborations approved in the consumer goods industry in the last three years is as follows :—

Year	No. of foreign collaboration approvals granted
1987 . .	28
1988 . .	27
1989 . .	24

Information for the period 1980—86 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exemption of small scale sector from price control

1425. SMT. KAILASHPATI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the recommendations of Kelkar Committee on the total exemption of Small Scale Sector from price control ;

(b) what are the decisions of Government on these recommendations ;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry decided total exemption of small scale sector irrespective of turn over ;

(d) if so, on whose recommendation ;

(e) whether it is a fact that such a decision has discouraged new investments concentration on imports and drive away from the production of bulk drugs from basic stage ;

(f) what was the production of monitored bulk drugs produced from basic stages during the last three years, year-wise and what was the total imports of bulk drugs and drug intermediates during the same period ;

(g) whether it is a fact that objective has not been achieved from phased Manufacturing Programme as proposed ; and

(h) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) The recommendations of the Kelkar Committee with regard to the exemption to small scale sector units from price control are contained in its Main Report, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) to (e) The Government has taken an independent view to exempt the small scale sector units from price control in respect of Category II formulations, irrespective of turn over. However, the Standing Committee will re-look into the matter.

(f) The requisite information to the extent available is given in the annexed Statement. (*See below*).

(g) and (h) Most of the companies have sought extension in time to implement the industrial approvals held by them as per the Phased Manufacturing Programme indicated therein. However, this issue forms a part of the review of the drug policy being undertaken by the Government.

Statement

Production of Bulk Drug (Rs. in crores)	IMPORT (Rs. in crores)	
	Bulk Drug	Intermediates Chemicals etc.
1986-87 458	207·48	56·60
1987-88 480	234·13	87·92
1988-89 550	328·35	81·19

The stages of manufacture of bulk drugs are not monitored.